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LEPERS DECLARE THAT
THEY OPPOSE CHANGEBRITISH CABLE STEAMERS
ARE NEARING HONOLULUA Great Petition
Comes to the
Senators.The Residents Insist That
They Believe Present
System Is Best.

Leper residents of Kalaupapa have spoken to the Commission of United States Senators, and there is no possibility of doubting their stand as against the taking over of the Leper Settlement by the United States. In a petition which will be filed by the commission at once 750 of the patients at the Molokai settlement have declared that they will be better pleased if the control of the establishment rests in the local government.

The petition for memorial to the commission comes through W. O. Smith who appears as amicus curiae for the people. There was held on Thursday last a mass meeting at Kalaupapa, which was well attended and after the fact that the expected visit of the Senators would not be had, was explained, there were several rousing speeches bearing on the effects of the leper bill of Delegate Wilcox, and its effects upon the people of the settlement. It was stated that the first effects of such a management of the settlement as is contemplated in the federal control bill, would be to make certain the division of the families, and that then there would be such military control of the settlement as would insure the issuance to the lepers of a ration like that which now comes to the soldier.

After some discussion a committee of fifteen was appointed for the purpose of distributing copies of and securing signatures to a petition or memorial to the Senatorial Commission. So successful was this committee that the petition or memorial which came up in the Lehua yesterday has on it the names of nearly 90 per cent of all the inmates of the settlement at the present time. The committee forwarded the papers here and they will be taken up by the Senators and given full consideration. Before the papers were tendered they were fully fumigated and it is even yet probable that they will be copied and the copies put into the testimony of Mr. Smith. The memorial reads as follows, there being an Hawaiian copy and a translation in English as well, in the same handwriting, while the signatures show that they are originals and that there was nothing like getting a long line of names in the same handwriting:

"We, the undersigned, residents of the Leper Settlement on Molokai, would respectfully present the following memorial relative to our position and circumstances, and would ask you to consider the same and present it to your colleagues on your return to Washington.

"First. We beg respectfully to represent that we are here, not of our own free will but at the instance and by the power of governmental authority, as a measure of sanitary precaution and protection for the community at large, and that our lot is a hard one, by reason of a compulsory separation from home and friends. The hardships of our lot are however softened to a certain degree by the freedom of our life here under the present system of rules and regulations. Therefore we most earnestly deprecate and protest against any legislation which would control our liberties and subject us to further and greater hardships than we now have to endure. And in particular we would protest against any law being enacted tending to the separation of the sexes; a measure which in our humble opinion would lead to serious disturbances without any commensurate benefits.

"Second. We would respectfully represent that we are not in favor of transferring the care and management of the settlement to the Federal Government, but heartily endorse the position taken by the Hon. Secretary Cooper, that the Territory is able to



JOSS HOUSE AND PAVILION WHERE PANG FOOK LAY—THE JOSS HOUSE IS IN THE CENTER.



THE BODY OF PANG FOOK LYING IN STATE.

HIGH CHINESE OFFICER
IS BURIED WITH POMP

With the salute of bursting bombs, surrounded by the faithful members of the order of which he was the local head, the mortal remains of Pang Fook, late supreme chancellor of the Ket On Fui Kon Association, were committed to earth yesterday afternoon in the Pauoa cemetery.

It was in itself one of the most remarkable ceremonies which has been seen in the city, this committing to the earth of the body of one who since his selection as the head of the Association whose name is practically connected with his own, has done so much not only for its extension but as well for the Chinese of the Territory. There followed the hearse bearing his body not less than 2,000 of the members of the order, while surrounding the grave and taking part as spectators more than twice the number wore the colors of the Association.

For two weeks has the mourning for the chancellor of the order gone on here, the date of the funeral having been set forward on account of the necessity for time so that outsiders might have a chance to come in and show their respect for the dead ruler. Daily has the ceremony of making material provision for the wants of the dead been carried out, and in the improvised room in front of the regular meeting house of the Association there has been constantly burning tapers in memory of the dead. The culminating ceremonial was observed on Saturday evening and yesterday morning, there being practically no cessation as the whole affair was a continuous performance. The arrival of vessels bearing members of the order from out of town who wanted to pay their respects to the dead in person, made the crowd of

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WILCOX HAD NOTHING TO
DO WITH SENATORS COMING

"Our trip here was made for the sole purpose of procuring information and we have got a great deal of matter," said Senator Mitchell last evening as he sat at work in preparing for departure for his home at Portland. "Our coming was due primarily to lack of accurate, specific knowledge.

"During the winter past we had several bills before us, and on each occasion of a hearing or discussion there came up the same lack of knowledge. During one meeting this was so pronounced that Senator Foraker, the chairman of the committee remarked that some one should come here. It was then suggested that I draw a resolution and I did so. Senator Foraker asked me to push it along and I had it referred to our own committee, and got a favorable report. It then went to the Committee on Contingent Expenses and there again I had a favorable report

The All Red Cable
May Come
Here.Assistant Superintendent
of Fanning Station
Arrives.

Two British cable steamers will arrive in Honolulu during the course of the next few days. One is the Colonia which left Victoria on Sept. 19th to lay 3,540 miles of cable to near Fanning Island and then return to Honolulu. The other is the steamer Anglia which left London on August third and after making the long voyage around through the Suez canal is due here on October third. The latter vessel is to lay the cable between Fanning Island and Suva, Fiji.

The Colonia is laying the new Pacific cable at a smart rate. She left Bamfield Creek on the nineteenth and is putting the cable on the sea bottom at the rate of seven and a half miles an hour. Her cable only reaches to within a hundred and seventy-five miles of Fanning Island and when she gets to that point she will attach the cable end to a buoy and leave it there for the Anglia to connect and lay it in to Fanning Island and thence to Suva. The Anglia comes here to meet the Colonia so that the engineers who are laying the cable may be transferred to her from the Colonia and also some of the cable laying machinery. Both are large steamers and should excite considerable interest while they remain in port as it is seldom that a cable vessel is seen in Pacific waters.

WILL THE CABLE COME HERE?

J. E. Dicketts, of Halifax, Nova Scotia, arrived on the "all-red" liner Aorangi yesterday from Victoria. Mr. Dicketts is on his way to Fanning Island where he is to be assistant superintendent of the Pacific cable station. Mr. Dicketts is now at the Moana Hotel and will remain here until the arrival of the Anglia from London as he is to go to Fanning Island by that steamer. Mr. Dicketts states that the cable from Bamfield creek, Vancouver Island, to Fanning Island will be laid very near the Hawaiian Islands but could not state definitely whether the cable would be laid into Honolulu. If the Pacific Cable Board could make arrangements with the Commercial Cable Company, which is to lay the American cable to Honolulu, it is likely that the cable which passes by the islands to Fanning Island will be taken up, cut, the two ends laid into Honolulu, and a transmitting station established here. If this is done Honolulu would always be sure of a cable service for if one line broke the other could be used by both companies until repairs could be effected to the broken one.

Mr. Dicketts thinks that the new "all-red" cable will get a tremendous amount of business. He says that there is a great deal of sentiment behind the cable and that Britishers will give it great support. Australia has for years been in the hands of the Eastern Cable Company and now that an all British line is being put through Australian and English merchants will use it in preference to the old one.

"The cable," says Mr. Dicketts, "will be completed before the end of November. Already the line has been laid and is being used between Queensland and Norfolk Island, a distance of 835 miles, and between Norfolk Island and Fiji, 981 miles, and between Norfolk and New Zealand, 518 miles, or 2,334 miles in all, which is now in working order. In two weeks time the section as far as Fanning Island will be nearly complete and a few weeks more will see it constructed to Fiji, completing the work and forming one of the finest cable services in existence."

Mr. Dicketts is going to Fanning for a two years stay. He expects his wife

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